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All,

I'd like to echo all of the praise you have so deservedly earned in developing such a timely, comprehensive response to the more than 100 interagency comments. Here's what went forward to OMB a few minutes ago. I'm also passing along a particular note of thanks from OMB:

Please thank the program staff for resolving the comments in such an expedient manner! It is a great accomplishment and we really appreciate their dedication working through the holiday week.

Great work, everyone!

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Hi Danielle,

I am pleased to provide EPA's response to the 100+ comments from interagency reviewers on the draft Agricultural Worker Protection Standards Revisions. We appreciate the interest and comments from the participating agencies and thank the reviewers for working hard to provide their comments last month. We are looking forward to the interagency discussion on Monday. Please let me know if there is anything else you may need from EPA in advance of Monday's discussion.

Many thanks!

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Subject: Interagency comments on EPA's proposed Worker Protection Standards

Hi Peter,

I was finally able to resolved the technical issues with my remote access. Please find the attached interagency comments on the proposed rule and EA. There are a little over 100 comments for this rule. The comments are broken down by RIA and Rule related topics. For the Rule comments, I attempted to combine like topics. However there are many instances where the topics cover multiple sections, such as the minimum age and immediate family definition. In those instances, the program area will discover some overlap. Also, some interagency reviewers had opposing views on the requirements and I provided both opinions and rationale on several topics.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning these comments.

Have a happy thanksgiving!

Best,

Danielle